

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DON SAYLOR ON HIS 45 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Don Saylor on his retirement from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, following an incredible 45-year career devoted to serving the people of Yolo County. Throughout Mr. Saylor's public service career, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to improving his community and an unyielding zeal for addressing the pressing challenges faced by the residents of Yolo County.

Born in rural Wyoming, Mr. Saylor witnessed firsthand the effects of poverty and food insecurity on American families. In response to these hardships, he also experienced the innovation and resiliency that occurs when a community unites as one to overcome adversity. These childhood experiences instilled in Mr. Saylor a passion for community work and a strong belief in the importance of helping those most vulnerable.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming, Mr. Saylor went on to earn his master's degree from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin. During this time, he served as Research Assistant to former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. He credits this experience with teaching him the foundational principles of public service, always doing what is right and including those different from oneself.

Throughout his 27 years in elected office, Mr. Saylor served as Mayor and City Council Member for the City of Davis, President and Trustee of the School Board for the Davis Joint Unified School District, and presently, as the Yolo County District 2 Supervisor. In these positions, Mr. Saylor helped address many major community concerns through the implementation of educational enhancement programs, the creation of the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency, and the adoption of the most visionary affordable housing ordinance in the state of California.

As Yolo County District 2 Supervisor, Mr. Saylor committed himself to the betterment of his community. He worked ceaselessly to enhance the safety net for Yolo County's most vulnerable populations, combat food insecurity and inequitable access to healthy food in his community, and strengthen the local economy through investment and strategic partnerships. In 2012, Mr. Saylor launched the Yolo Food Connect effort to address food access and food security issues as part of an overall food systems policy approach.

Mr. Saylor has exemplified genuine public service throughout his personal and professional endeavors. In 2004, Mr. Saylor founded Soup's On, an entirely volunteer-run event that brings the Yolo County community together to fundraise for a local nonprofit. Since the incep-

tion of Soup's On, the event has raised over \$400,000 for nonprofits including Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services of Yolo County and the Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network.

While his presence on the Board of Supervisors will surely be missed, Mr. Saylor's 12 years of service to the residents of Yolo County has undoubtedly left a legacy that will last for many years to come. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Saylor's dedicated service to the people of Yolo County and wish him and his family my best as he enters retirement.

CELEBRATING ROSALINDA "LINDA" CANLAS

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize New Haven Unified School Board Trustee Linda Canlas on the occasion of her retirement on November 30, 2022.

Linda immigrated from the Philippines to the United States in 1970 and became a naturalized citizen at 18 years old. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University East Bay in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in History and obtained her California State Teaching Credential. After spending some time in the classroom, Linda received a master's degree in Educational Leadership and a professional school administrative credential from the State of California.

After beginning her teaching career in Norfolk, Virginia, Linda returned to the Bay Area to teach in the Newark Unified School District and remained there until 1996. During this time, Linda served her students in various capacities as a teacher, district student at-risk/support services coordinator, district performing arts coordinator, mentor teacher, and vice principal. Linda then served as a principal in Hayward Unified School District until 2016. Under Linda's leadership, two public elementary schools were able to significantly raise their academic performance, demonstrating her commitment to upholding California curriculum standards and Common Core implementation.

Linda was first elected as a Board Trustee for New Haven Unified School District in 2010 and was reelected in 2014 and 2018. During her three terms on the board, she served in the roles of clerk and board president, all while earning another master's degree in Governance from the California School Boards Association. One of her passion projects while a trustee was to rename a middle school in honor of co-founders of the United Farm Workers movement, Larry Itliong and Phillip Vera Cruz. Thanks to her efforts, Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School is the first public school in the country to be named after a Filipino-American.

Outside her official duties on the Board, Linda has been an active advocate for edu-

cation in the community. She is a board member for the New Haven Schools Foundation, she has been President of the Alameda County School Boards Association since 2017 and has been a member of the East Bay Coalition for Public Education Leadership Team since 2019. She is also an active Filipino American National Historical Society member and serves on the Board of the Ukulele Festival of Northern California. Because of her history of contributions to education, governance, and community, in 2017, Linda was recognized by the Filipina Women's Network as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipina Women in the world.

For over three decades, Linda Canlas has played a pivotal role in ensuring quality education for the students of California's 15th congressional district. I join the community in celebrating the many achievements of her career and wish her rest and relaxation with her husband, Dennis, and her daughters, Camille and Jacqueline, as she begins her retirement.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA LADY COMETS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima Lady Comets on their victory in the Class 3 Softball State Championship.

These young women had a stellar season, ranked number 1 with a 33–3 record. In their championship game they overcame a 10-run deficit to claim their title. The Lady Comets should be commended for all their hard work throughout the past year and for brining home the state championship to their school and community.

Please join me in recognizing the Lady Comets for a job well done.

HONORING GOUVERNEUR TOWN LEADER ELDON B. CONKLIN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember Gouverneur community leader, Eldon B. Conklin. Eldon served the Gouverneur community for decades as an elected official and an innovative business owner.

Eldon was born on November 21, 1929 in the town of DeKalb and attended Osbornville Country School on Rock Island Road. At the age of 18, Eldon was working as a truck driver for John Austin Trucking in Richville, New York until he joined the United States Marine Corps in 1951. After serving his country and

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